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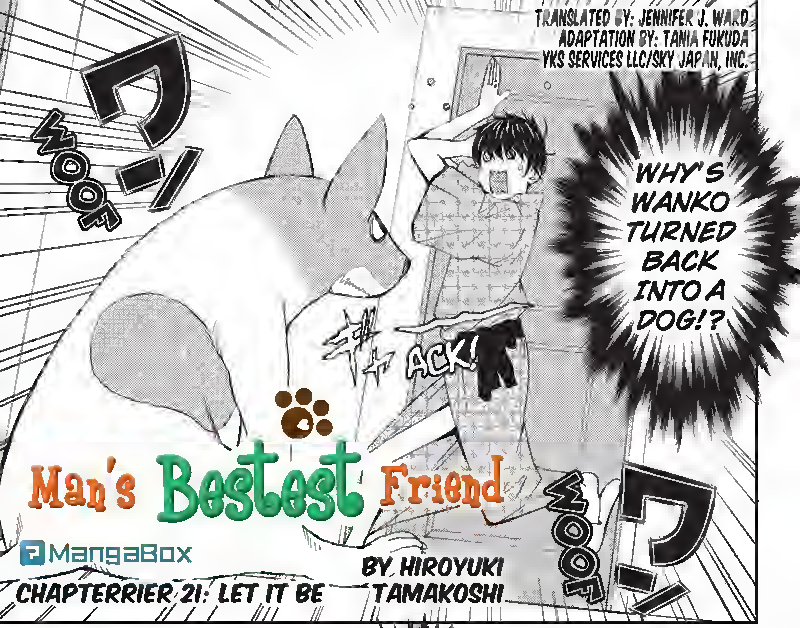

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CHAPTERRIER 21: LET IT BE

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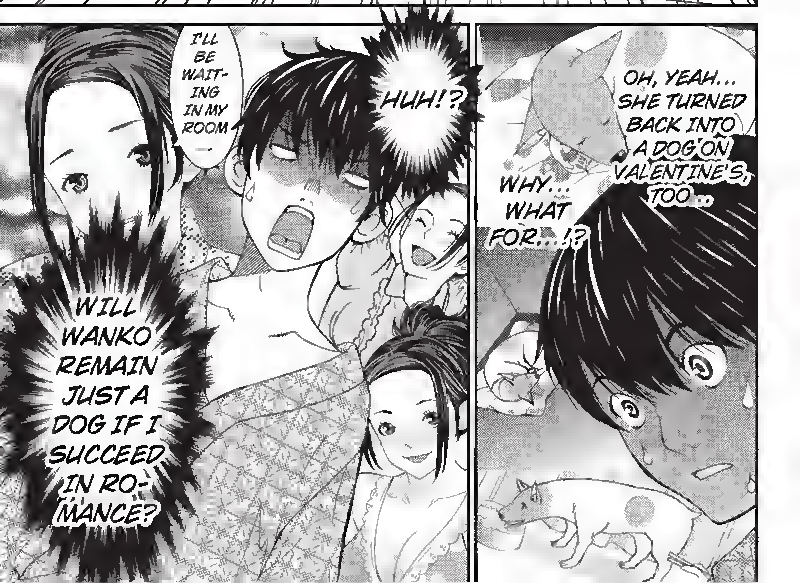
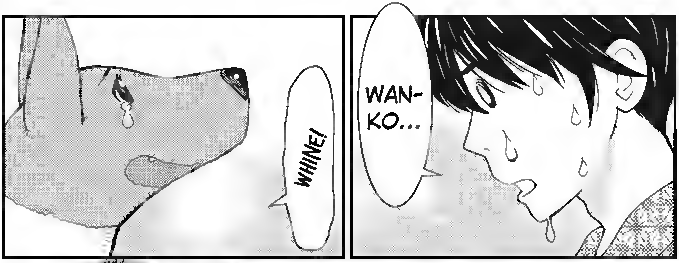
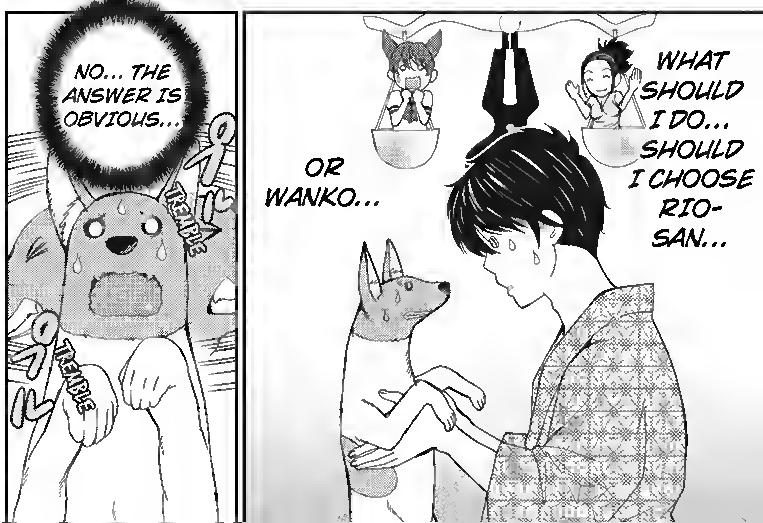

I'LL BE WAITING IN MY ROOM...
HUH!?
WILL WANKO REMAIN JUST A DOG IF I SUCCEED IN ROMANCE?
OH, YEAH... SHE TURNED BACK INTO A DOG ON VALENTINE'S, TOO...
WHY... WHAT FOR...!?





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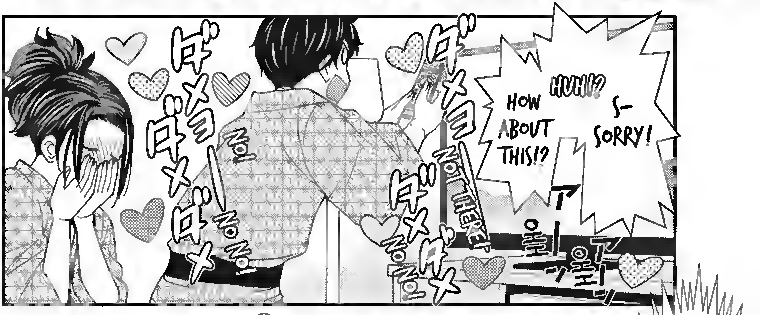
I CAN'T HAVE A ROMANTIC RELATION-SHIP WITH A DOG!
YIP!
SORRY, WANKO!
WOOF WOOF
CLAW CLAW
FOR-GIVE ME...
I REALLY WANT TO FIND HAPPI-NESS!
DING DONG
YES...

H-HI. I CAME OVER FOR SOME FUN.
TENSE
?
C-COME IN!
...
...
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
I KINDA JUST CHARGED IN HERE WITHOUT A PLAN...
WHAT SHOULD I DO... WHAT SHOULD I TALK ABOUT...?
IT LOOKS LIKE RIO-SAN IS FROZEN SOLID...
FIDGET
FIDGET
MAYBE SHE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH EXPERI-ENCE...?
WHAT DID I DO BEFORE WITH ERIKA...?
THEN I NEED TO TAKE THE LEAD, HERE...

WANT TO WATCH TV, KOUICHI?
POPCORN
YOU MUST BE THIRSTY
WANT A BEER?
COME INTO THE BATH?
I'LL WASH YOUR BACK! ♡
ERIKA ALWAYS TOOK THE LEAD!
USH
BLU
I'LL UNDRESS YOU!
O-OH! LET'S TURN ON THE TV.
BEEP
LOW
BEEP
LOW
O-OKAY

OH YES! WE CAN!
EEK!
S-SORRY! IT JUST ENDED UP ON ONE OF THOSE PAID CHANNELS...
I'LL CHANGE IT RIGHT NOW.
BEEP
YOU LIKE THAT, HMM? YOU LIKE THAT?


NO NO NO
HOW ABOUT THIS!?
HUH!?
S-SORRY!

...
PANT PANT ...
CLANK
EVERY CHANNEL IS ADULT MOVIES!

I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING...
THIS IS BAD... WHAT SHOULD I DO... THE SITUATION IS GOING DOWNHILL...
BLUSH
I-I'LL GET IT...
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO TAKE THE LEAD!
LEAD
HUH?
W-WOULD YOU LIKE SOME-THING TO DRINK?
N-NAKA-SAKA-SAN...
CLATTER
AGH!
ACK!
CLATTER
OW!
WHACK

R-RIO-SAN... WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE... A BEER, OR A COCK-TAIL?
EEK! YOU'RE BLEED-ING!
ARE YOU OKAY !?
I-I'M FINE... JUST FINE...
HAHAHA
YOU'RE OKAY WITH A BEER, RIGHT...
I'LL POUR IT FOR YOU...
EEK!
AH!

SHE'S SO,AKING WET!
WE HAVE TO GET YOU CHANGED !
YANK
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
IT'S OVER... I'VE RUINED EVERY-THING!

BUT... THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU!
!
GIGGLE
HUH?
YOU'RE NOT VERY SMOOTH, NAKA-SAKA-SAN.
YOU'RE SINCERE, NEVER TWO-FACED, AND YOU CAN'T TELL A LIE.
NEXT TIME, TELL ME FIRST.
I-I...
スッ
CLOSER
R-RIO-SAN ...
キュン
BLUSH

TH-THIS TIME, I'M GONNA SAY IT FIRST...
Y-YES ...?
RIO-SAN, I...
REALLY ...
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WH-WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
AH!?
!?

WANKO!?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WANKO-CHAN!?
HOFFMAN IN "THE GRADUATE"!?
DID SHE SMASH THROUGH THAT WALL!?
LEAP
HOW DID YOU GET HERE!?

SHE WOULD HAVE HAD TO SLAM HERSELF AGAINST THE WALL AGAIN AND AGAIN TO BREAK IT...
BUT WANKO WENT THAT FAR TO STOP ME...
I'M SORRY, RIO-SAN...
I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM FOR TO-NIGHT...
OKAY...
...
GOOD NIGHT...
GOOD NIGHT.
HE REALLY IS THE KIND OF MAN WHO COULDN'T LIE...
MAYBE THIS IS FOR THE BEST...
ガチャ
CHECK

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE I MIGHT GET A LOVER, SHE TURNS INTO A DOG...
SO WANKO DOES TURN HUMAN WHEN I GET DUMPED ...
WANKO IS BACK TO BEING HUMAN!
HMM?
YOU'RE COVERED IN WOUNDS ...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE SO RECK-LESS...

I DON'T CARE, BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, KOUICHI!
GOUEEE
ACK!
IF I HAD GONE ALL THE WAY WITH RIO-SAN...
H-HEY! LET GO!
Y-YOU'RE HEAVY
DON'T WANNA!
WANKO WOULD BE GONE...
HAHAHA
WHEN I THINK ABOUT WANKO...
MAYBE IT WAS GOOD I BACKED OUT...

I (PLAN TO) SOMEDAY GET A GIRL-FRIEND...
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING!
GET MARRIED, AND FIND HAPPINESS, BUT...
IF I THINK ABOUT WANKO ...
I HAVE TO BE SINGLE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
WANT ONE, NAKA-SAKA-SAN?
...
NO WAY!
HUH !?
I REALLY WANT TO...
AH, NO, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT!
EEK! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING! LOOK!
FALL IN LOVE!
NEXT TIME: KOUICHI GETS IN A SERIOUS BIND!

Man's Bestest Friend
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CHAPTERRIER 22: THE FOOL ON THE HILL

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE CAN EAT WHILE SLEEPING... SHE'S GOOD...
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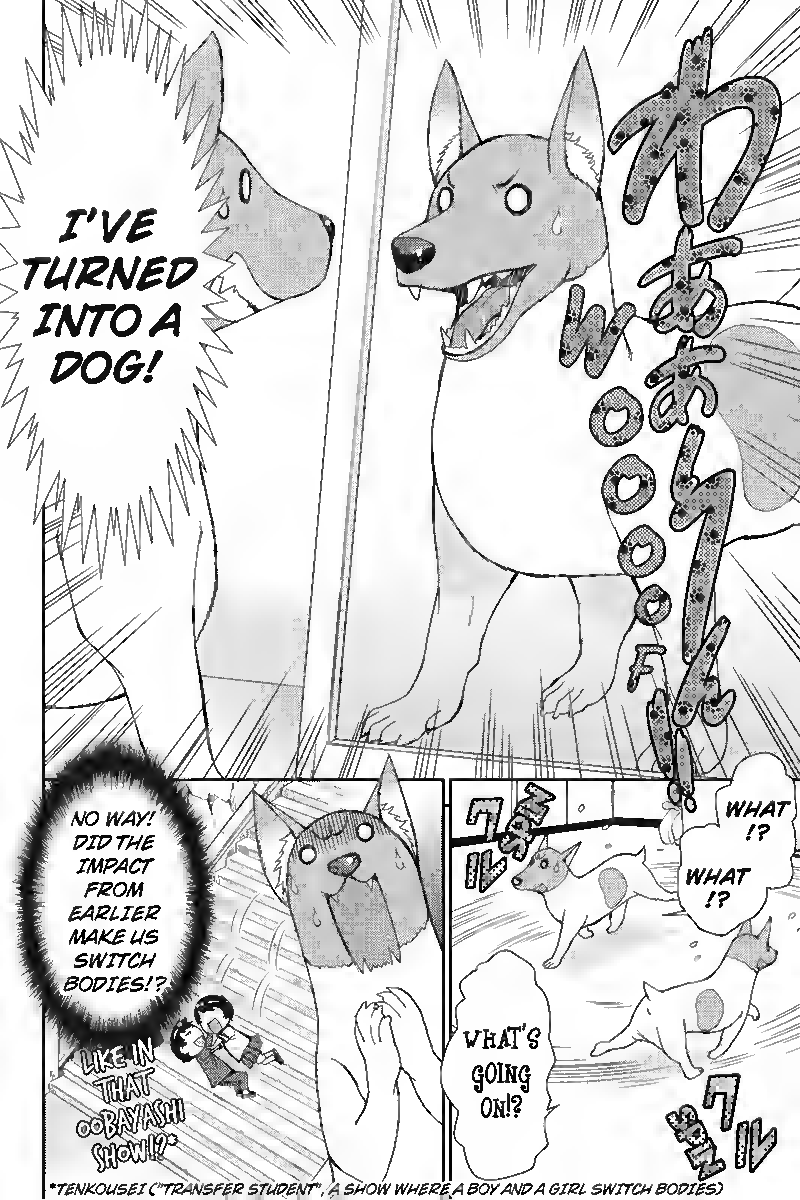
MMM...
OW OW... MY HEAD IS THROB-BING...
HMM!?
HUH... WHY IS MY FIELD OF VISION SO LOW...?
OH! YOU'RE AWAKE!
WH-WHY!? THAT'S ME!
DASH!!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS!? WHAT'S GOING ON?



*"TENKOUSEI ("TRANSFER STUDENT", A SHOW WHERE A BOY AND A GIRL SWITCH BODIES)

NOW I'M THE HU-MAN!
I CAN EAT EVERY-THING!
EHE HE HE!
AH! THAT'S THE CROISSANT DOUGHNUT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO!
WHAT WILL I DO ABOUT WANKO!?
DON'T EAT THAT!!
I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GO BACK WITH THE SAME KIND OF IMPACT...
WE JUST HAVE TO BONK HEADS AGAIN!
HOW?
WE CAN GO BACK ANY TIME!
AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO PANIC LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE GIVING ME KIBBLE?
HERE'S YOUR FOOD!
HUH?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU GOT TO BECOME A DOG, SO WHY NOT ENJOY THE DOG LIFE?

WHY DO I HAVE TO EAT DOG FOOD...
CRUNCH
HUH!? THIS IS GREAT!
TWITCH
IT TASTES LIKE COOKIES MADE OUT OF JUICY MEAT!
CRUNCH
THIS TASTES GREAT! JUST AMAZ-ING!
CRUNCH
WHINE
AH... I CAN'T EAT ANY MORE...♡
BURP
ME NEITHER!
HEY, KOU-ICHI! TAKE ME FOR A WALK!
OKAY, LET'S GO!

HUH? ISN'T THIS BACK-WARDS?
OH!
WAN-KO ...
WOOO!
WAIT!
WHOOOSH
H-MY LEGS ARE TOO SHORT...
C-CAN'T BREATHE
WAIT
LOOK AT THAT PUPPY! ♡
I WANT TO HOLD IT! ♡
WHOA! I CAN GET A NICE VIEW AS A DOG! ♡♡♡
ME, TOO! ♡

EEK! IT'S SO FLUFFY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE GIVING ME THIS MUCH ATTENTION JUST BECAUSE I'M A DOG!
EEK!
BEING A DOG IS THE BEST!
むぎゅ SQUISH
I CAN EAT...
ガブ MOM
ガブ MOM
GET ATTENTION...
OH! YOU'RE SO CUTE!
FLUFFY サワ
FLUFFY サワ
SLEEP...
ZZZ
ZZZ

I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT BEING A DOG IS THIS FUN!
THIS IS TRULY A WONDERFUL LIFE! WOOF!

THE NEXT DAY ...
SEE YOU LATER!
BYE BYE!
WANKO IS GOING TO WORK FOR ME...
TURNED INTO A DOG, AND NOW I ROLL AROUND, ROLL AROUND!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS ENJOY LIFE!

NGH...!
RUMBLE
SQUEAK
RUMBLE

I CAN'T CLIMB UP ON THE TOILET SEAT...
AND I CAN'T REACH THE DOORKNOB TO GO OUTSIDE...
HOP
HOP
OH, NO... I HAVE TO GO THE THE BATHROOM...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
SQUEAK
I GOT CARRIED AWAY AND ATE TOO MUCH... WHAT DO I DO?
SQUEAK
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SQUEAK
AGH... I CAN'T HOLD IT IN ANY LONGER!
SQUEAK
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SQUEAK
WHAT SHOULD I DO...!?
I-I AM A DOG, SO SHOULD I JUST MAKE A MESS RIGHT HERE?
BUT I'M A HUMAN ON THE INSIDE...
CAN'T! HOLD IT! ANY-MORE!
AGH...

I'M BACK!
HUH... BUT AREN'T YOU A BIT EARLY?
YEAH.
WAN-KO!
I GOT FIRED!
WHAT!?
I'M SAVED!!
EVERY-ONE WAS BEING SO CRABBY!
SO I BIT EVERY-ONE'S BUTTS!
SORRY!
SORRY ISN'T ENOUGH! NOW I'M UNEM-PLOYED!
BUT YOU TOLD ME TO GO!
DING DONG

HUH... "JIGGLY"...?
WHAT!?
OH! IT'S THE WOMAN WITH JIGGLY BOOBS AND BUTT!
NAKA-SAKA-SAN!
I CAME OVER TO GIVE YOU THE PICTURES FROM THE CAR TRIP WE TOOK!
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
RIO-SAN!?
TRYING TO SEDUCE ME WITH YOUR CLEAVAGE AGAIN, TODAY?
YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
GERK
WOOF
WOOF
THAT'S MEAN, NAKA-SAKA-SAN! IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT!?
N-NO! SHE'S WANKO AND I'M KOUICHI!
WOOF
WHAT'S WRONG, WANKO-CHAN? WHY ARE YOU YIPPING...?
WHO IS IT, NOW!?
DING
DONG

ARE YOU HOME? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, SO I WANTED TO SEE YOU, AND I POPPED IN!
ERI-KA!?
HUH ...
WHO'S SHE...
WH-WHO ARE YOU!?
WOOF
WOOF
W-WAIT, I....
WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT, KOU-ICHI!?
AND EXPLAIN JUST WHO THIS WOMAN IS!
NO, YOU EX-PLAIN WHO YOU ARE!
OH, NO, MY STOM-ACH...
C-CALM DOWN... JUST TAKE ME TO THE BATH-ROOM...
OH! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DUMPED KOUICHI BLACK AND BLUE!
WHAT ...
B-BLACK AND BLUE!?

I'M KOUICHI'S EX-GIRLFRIEND!
SHH...
WELL, I'VE BEEN TO A HOT SPRING WITH NAKASAKA-SAN!
WOW, THAT SOUNDS NASTY...
SHH...
YOU SOUND NASTY!
SHUT UP!!
YOUR BOUNCING BOOBIES ARE GETTING IN MY FACE!
SQUISH
SQUEEZE

WANKO IS THE ONE I LOVE!
WHAT DOES HE MEAN? HE LOVES A DOG?
EW...
SHIVER
SHIVER
IS NAKA-SAKA-SAN SOME KIND OF PER-VERT?
SCARED
YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
J-JUST LET ME EX-PLAIN!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
HOLD ON, CALM DOWN!
WOOF
WOOF
YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
KICK
YIP
OH... IT'S HAP-PENED AGAIN, HUH...
WHAP

GASP!
...
OH! IT WAS JUST A DREAM ...
ERG!
SQUEAK
RUMBLE
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SO MY STOMACH HURTING WASN'T A DREAM!
DASH
DASH
BATHROOM! BATHROOM!
NYERGH ...
IT'S TOUGH BEING A HUMAN, HUH!
SQUISH
SQUISH
I'M GLAD I'M A DOG! ♡

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CHAPTERRIER 23: PLEASE, PLEASE ME

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Man's Bestest Friend

MAN, I'VE HAD TO RUN A LOT OF ERRANDS OUTSIDE TODAY!
HEY, WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR TO THE CEREMONY?
HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD WE GIFT THE COUPLE?*
OH, THOSE WOMEN ARE FROM ERIKA'S OFFICE ...
OH, LONG TIME NO SEE. GOING TO A WEDDING?
OH! NAKASAKA-SAN.
YEAH, ERIKA'S-
MAKIKO!
SAKAKA!

*IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR GUESTS, IT A JAPANESE WEDDING TO GIVE THE NEW COUPLE CASH TO PAY FOR THE CEREMONY. IT STARTS AT AROUND $100 USD PER PERSON.

ERIKA IS GETTING MARRIED!?
NO WAY... ERIKA CAN'T BE...
GETTING MARRIED...
TO... THAT GUY?
NOOOO! TELL ME IT'S NOT TRUE!
ドサ
FWUMP
STOP! NAKASAKA-SAN IS, LISTEN...
OH! I SEE...
SO SEE YOU LATER!
...

OH, NO! KOU-ICHI'S BECOME A HUSK OF A MAN!
ERIKA'S GETTING MARRIED! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!?
ERIKA
Y-YOU'RE SCARING ME, KOU-ICHI...
YEAH, OF COURSE IT CAN'T BE TRUE...
I HAVE TO HEAR IT STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH...
BUT I CAN'T JUST CALL HER OR TEXT HER DI-RECTLY!
I DON'T WANT HER TO KNOW HOW MUCH I STILL MISS HER...
AGH... IF I COULD JUST GET INTO HER APART-MENT AND SEE THE PROOF...
JUST LIKE A CAT OR A DOG...
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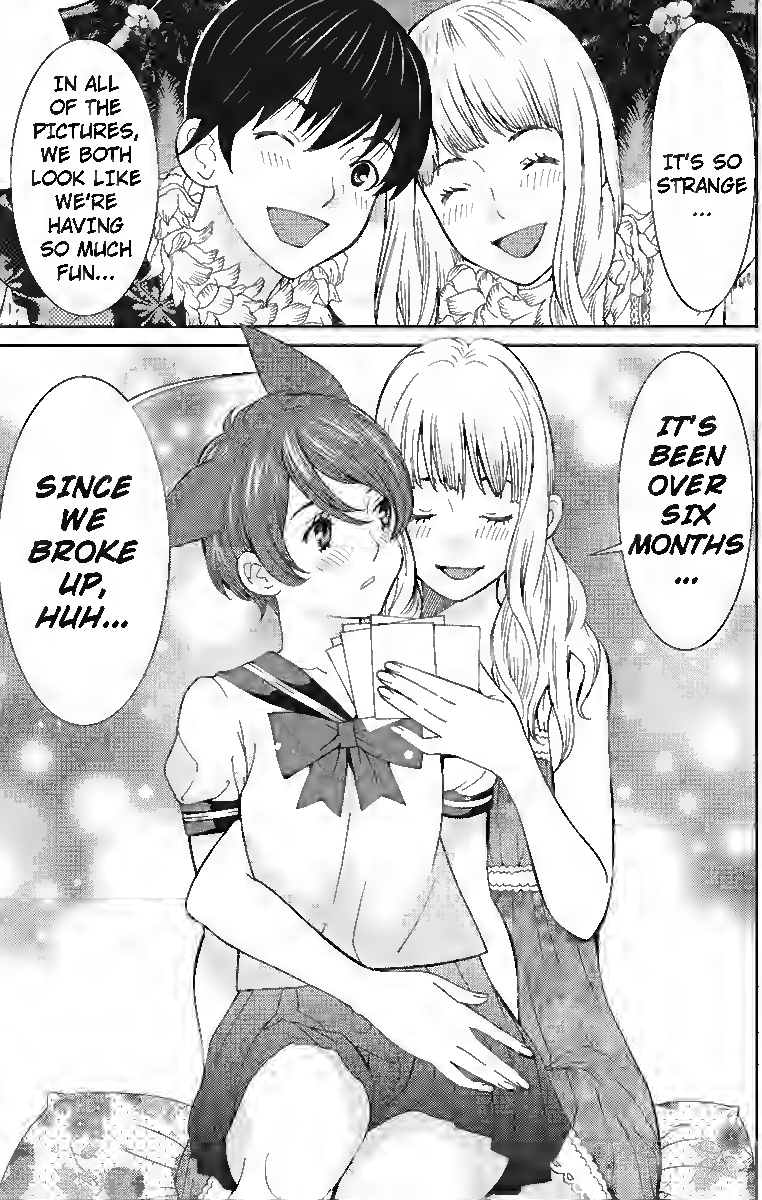
A DOG!?
I'VE GOT ONE OF THOSE!
WANKO, PLEASE! GET INTO ERIKA'S APARTMENT FOR ME AND FIND OUT IF SHE REALLY IS GETTING MARRIED!
HUH!?
HOW WILL I DO THAT?
LEAP
LIKE IF SHE'S GOT A WEDDING DRESS OR FLOWERS...
A WEDDING WHAT? WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S A PURE WHITE DRESS!
IF YOU PULL IT OFF, I'LL GIVE YOU HIGH-QUALITY
CANNED DOG FOOD ALL THIS MONTH!
C-CAN-NED FOOD! ♡
beef
I GUESS I HAVE TO, THEN! LEAVE IT TO WANKO THE GREAT!
THANK YOU, OH GREAT WANKO!

DING DONG
COM-ING!
OH...
IT'S KOU-ICHI AND WANKO-CHAN...
H-HEY...
UM. I WAS JUST IN THE NEIGH-BORHOOD WALKING WANKO, BUT I JUST GOT CALLED INTO WORK FOR SOME URGENT BUSINESS...
HUH... ME...?
SORRY ABOUT THIS, BUT CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF HER FOR JUST A BIT?
PLEASE! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN ASK FOR HELP...

...
I GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE, THEN.
SURE!
THANKS! I'LL COME PICK HER UP LATER!
OH! WAIT ...
HE'S SO WEIRD...
WELL, LET'S GO INSIDE.
...
OH! IT'S A TV!
DADADA
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME TAKING CARE OF A DOG...
I'M A LITTLE NER-VOUS...

HUH?
チャラーン
DADADA
AND NOW, FOR "KING OF THE JUNGLE"!
オーン
NOOON
ガルル
GRRR
SNERK!
WANKO-CHAN, THAT POSE!
アハハハ
AHAHAHA!
?
YOU'RE JUST LIKE KOU-ICHI!

KOUICHI ALWAYS WATCHED TV LIKE THAT!
AHAHA!
SO IT'S TRUE THAT DOGS RESEMBLE THEIR MASTERS!
HUH I'M A LITTLE SHOCKED
OH! I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING NICE, WANKO.
?
LOOK! THESE ARE PICTURES FROM WHEN KOUICHI AND I STARTED DATING.
WOW!


IN ALL OF THE PICTURES, WE BOTH LOOK LIKE WE'RE HAVING SO MUCH FUN...
IT'S SO STRANGE ...
SINCE WE BROKE UP, HUH...
IT'S BEEN OVER SIX MONTHS ...

SHE'S THE ONE WHO DUMPED HIM, BUT SHE STILL LOOKS LONELY...
OH! OOPS! MORE IMPORTANTLY ...
I GOTTA LOOK FOR A DRESS!
トコ TAP TAP トコ
HUH? WHERE DID WANKO-CHAN GO?
W-WANKO-CHAN! YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!
BUSH! THERE ARE IMPORTANT THINGS IN THERE!
ナナ

A WHITE DRESS ...!?
OKAY, LET'S RELAX OVER HERE.
OH!
GASP
HUH? IS IT TIME ALREADY?
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S COME TO PICK YOU UP
THANKS, ERIKA! YOU REALLY SAVED ME THERE!
DID EVERY-THING WORK OUT?
YEAH! IT'S ALL GOOD NOW.
EEE...
SEE YOU, THEN!
PANTA

HE'S SO WEIRD ...
HOW DID IT GO, WANKO?
WAS THERE A WEDDING DRESS?
THERE WAS!
IT WAS ALL WHITE AND REALLY PRETTY!
DOGGUM
N-No
So IT'S TRUE
ERIKA IS...
ERI-KA...
ERI-KA...
ERI-KA...
AH! KOU-ICHI?
NOOOO!
DASH!

ピンポーン
DING DONG
COMING!
PANT
HUH... KOUICHI? WHAT'S WRONG?
DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING?
ERIKA... IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE HAVING A WEDDING?
...
YEAH...
S-SO SHE IS...!
SO YOU HAVE A WEDDING DRESS...?
YEAH. YOU SEEM TO KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.

I'M TAKING CARE OF IT FOR MY SISTER.
HUH ...?
HER SIS-TER!?
SO THE ONE GETTING MARRIED IS...
MY SISTER!
WHAT!?

R-REALLY
UH OF COURSE
GIVE HER MY BLESSINGS
HAHAHA
?
SEE YOU, THEN...
WAIT, KOU-ICHI!
!
IT WAS FUN TALKING WITH YOU AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME.
LET'S MEET AGAIN SOME-TIME.
S-SURE...
?
THUMP
HUH?
WHAT DID KOUICHI COME FOR...?

AHAHAHA!
MAN! I'M SURE GLAD THAT WAS JUST MY MISTAKE!
CANNED FOOD IS SO GOOD!
BUT THAT WEDDING DRESS WAS REALLY PRETTY!
PUT ME IN A WEDDING DRESS WHEN WE GET MARRIED, KOUICHI!
TEE-HEE
URK!
C-CAN'T BREATHE
STUCK... IN MY THROAT
KOU-ICHI!
YOU'LL BE OKAY! HOLD ON, KOUICHI!

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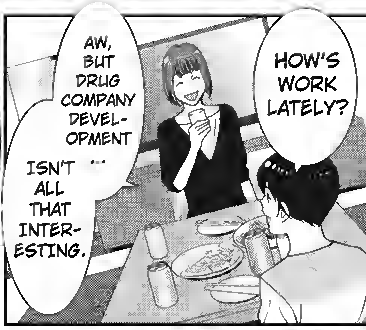
IS IT A SPECIAL DAY TODAY?
MY LITTLE BROTHER IS COMING ON WORK-RELATED BUSINESS, SO...
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME DRINKS HERE.
HIS NAME'S KOUJI.
TREAT HIM NICELY, WANKO!
IF YOU STAY QUIET, I'LL SHARE SOME WITH YOU!
SO IT'S KOU-JI!
OH! IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S HERE.
ピンポーン DING DONG
BRO! I'M HERE!
ガチャ CLACK

YOUR PLACE IS DISGUSTINGLY CLEAN, AS USUAL!
SHUT UP!
OH!
HELLO!
SO THIS IS THE GIRL YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT!
SO IT'S TRUE THAT YOUR WOMAN DUMPED YOU AND NOW YOU'RE CO-HABITING WITH A DOG.
IT'S NOT COHABITATION!
I'VE GOTTA GREET WANKO, TOO!
?
NICE TO MEET YOU!
GRAB
YIP!
ACK!

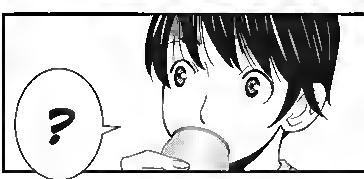
NOO! NOT MY TAIL!!
AHAHA! HER FLAILING IS SO CUTE! ♡
YANK
W-WAN-KO!
H-HEY, KOUJI! PLEASE, BE GENTLE!
BUT SHE'S SO CUTE! IT JUST MAKES ME WANT TO BULLY HER.
WHAT THE HECK IS WITH HIM!? I HATE HIM!!
KICK HIM OUT, NOW!
CALM DOWN, WANKO... BESIDES THAT, HE'S A PRETTY DECENT PERSON ...

HUH? DOES SHE HATE ME, NOW?
RRRR...
COME HERE! I'LL GIVE YOU SOME!
THERE'S FRIED CHICKEN AND SAUSAGE...
AND I'LL PUT IN SOME ROAST BEEF!
.. HE'S A GOOD PERSON, EH?
I KNOW, RIGHT?
I'VE CHANGED MY OPINION OF YOU, KOUJI-KUN. I THINK WE WILL GET ALONG.
OKAY, HERE YOU GO!
CHOW TI...
WAIT!
HUH!?

WAIT ...
HALT
OKAY ...
DROOL


HOW'S WORK LATELY?
AW, BUT DRUG COMPANY DEVEL-OPMENT ... ISN'T ALL THAT INTER-ESTING.

UM... YOU CAN GIVE HER THAT FOOD ANY TIME.
DROOL
OH! I FOR-GOT!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AHH!

YOU'VE DONE YOUR BEST WAITING, WANKO!
SO HERE'S YOUR RE-WARD! SAY, "AH!"

NOM
YOINK
SHOCK
THIS ROAST BEEF SURE IS GREAT!
YOU'RE TERRIBLE, AS ALWAYS!
B-BUT I... WAITED!
WAS I JUST... WAITING FOR NOTHING?
WHY... WHY DID HE DO THAT!?
TREMBLE TREMBLE
MEANIE!
CHOMP
OW!

SORRY, SORRY. DON'T BE MAD, WANKO.
WOOF
KOUJI, DO SOMETHING! THIS IS YOUR FAULT.
WOOF
DON'T BITE ME!
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED HIM!
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!
OKAY. I'LL REALLY GIVE IT TO YOU, THIS TIME!
OKAY? FORGIVE ME! HERE YOU GO!
W-WELL, IF YOU SAY SO...
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST GIVEN IT TO ME PROPERLY IN THE FIRST PLACE!
NOM
!?

SPICY!
YAAAARGH!
I PUT A WHOLE BUNCH OF HOT SAUCE BETWEEN THE ROAST BEEF AND THE SMOKED SALMON.
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
DOGS SURE ARE WEAK TO STRONG TASTES!
SO YOU KNEW? YOU'RE A DEVIL.

UNFOR-GIVEABLE!
STING
STING
I DIDN'T WANT TO USE IT, BUT...
CLACK
I'LL USE THAT FEAR-SOME SPRAY ...
AND GET HIM OUT, WHATEVER IT TAKES!
WE'RE STILL DOING CLEANING GOODS.
THIS ROLLER HAS GOT GOOD REVIEWS !
STAGGER
I'M DONE PLAYING GAMES ...
I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET MAKING ME MAD!

WOW, WHAT A NICE SMELL!
HMM?
PFFT
WHAT'S THAT?
CITRUS SPRAY.
DOGS HATE CITRUS SMELLS, SO IT'S USED TO DISCIPLINE DOGS.
I-IT ISN'T WORKING!
IS HE SOME KIND OF MONSTER!?
AH!
YOINK
THEN NEXT IS MY TURN!

TAKE THAT!
プシュー
FSHIT
プシュー
FSHIT
プシュー
FSHIT
ヒュー
WHOOSH
AGH, SHE RAN AWAY.
クーン
WHINE
HUH? ALL THE BEER'S GONE.
I'LL GO BUY SOME MORE.
THANKS!
クスン
SNUFFLE
クスン
SNUFFLE

WANKO-CHAN!
SORRY FOR BULLYING YOU EARLIER!
WHEN I SEE SOMETHING CUTE, I ALWAYS WANT TO BULLY IT!
WHY ARE YOU IN HERE!? GO AWAY!
I HATE YOU!
DON'T SULK! I CAME HERE TODAY ...
TO MEET YOU!
HUH ...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I CAME TO TEST THIS NEW PRODUCT...
A PET HAIR CLEANER, ON YOU!
!?
YOINK

WHAT IS THAT !?
IT'S RIP-PING ME UP !!
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
GOOD! NOW, LET'S CLEAN UP YOUR FACE!

NOW I'LL NEVER, EVER FORGIVE YOUUU!!
ROLL ROLL
I'M BACK!
SAVE ME, BRO!
WHAT HAVE YOU TWO BEEN DOING!?
OW!
PANTS
(-(CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!
L-LET GO, WANKO!
PEEOO PEEOO PEEOO

THE NEXT DAY...
NEVER INVITE HIM AGAIN!
DON'T BE SO MAD! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CLOSE HIS LEGS FOR A WHILE!
HUH? IS IT JUST ME, OR DO YOU LOOK NEATER?
I GUESS HE REMOVED MY SHED HAIRS.
BUT I STILL ...
SORRY, WANKO!
POUT
HATE HIM!

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CHAPTERRIER 25: I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND

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THEY'RE WHAT MAKES A DOGGY A DOGGY!
TO FIGHT THEIR ENEMIES AND TO COMMUNICATE. THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT!
DOGGIES USE THEIR FANGS...
INSTEAD OF HANDS...
TO EAT THEIR FOOD...

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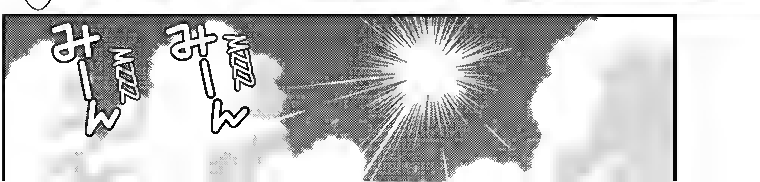
WANKO! YOUR TOOTH FELL OUT!
WHAT?! MY TOOTH?!
WHY? HOW?!
I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SLACKING OFF IN BRUSHING YOUR TEETH.
YOU DUM-DUM, KOU-ICHI!
C-CALM DOWN, WANKO...
IT'S NOT TOO LATE. I'LL BRUSH THEM NOW.
MY~
URK...
HOW TO BRUSH A DOG'S TEETH: WRAP A SPECIAL COTTON OR GAUZE ON YOUR FINGER AND SCRUB THE PLAQUE OFF ITS TEETH.
SCRUB
IT'S OKAY... YOU'LL MANAGE WITH JUST ONE.
SCRUB

HUH!?
SNAP
カチ
ポロ
DROP
ポロ
DROP
?
...
CLACK
カチ
CLACK

I'M SORRY, WANKO!
GYAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!
IS THIS MY...
THE NEXT DAY...
KNOCK KNOCK
KNOCK
WANKO'S HOUSE
PLEASE KNOCK!
DO NOT OPEN

CHEER UP. FANGS ARE FOR FIGHTING, RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE WITH ME, YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT.
KOUCHI WANKO
AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR FANGS, YOU CAN STILL EAT!
LOOK! IT'S YOUR FAVOR-ITE, CHICKEN!
CHICKEN JERKY
I DON'T WANT IT.

SHE'S TAKING THIS PRETTY HARD...
I WISH I COULD GET HER BACK TO HER REGULAR, CHEERFUL SELF...
OH! LET'S GO FOR A WALK, WANKO!
IT'LL HELP YOU CHEER UP!
WANKO
OKAY...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IT'S SO HOT!
SEE! THE AIR OUT HERE FEELS NICE!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME NICE CANNED DOG FOOD TODAY.
...
OH! IT'S WANKO-CHAN! SHE'S THE DOG WHO PLAYED WITH MY AQUA A WHILE AGO!
HUH?
WOOF
WOOF
HELLO!
N-NICE TO MEET YOU! ♡
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG? SHE DOESN'T SEEM VERY HAPPY TODAY.
YEAH... SHE'S A LITTLE DOWN.

HMM?
OHO HO! ♡
H-HER CHEST ...
YAY, SKIMPY CLOTHES!
TWITCH
EHE HE HE!
!?
CHOMP

NICE!
URK...
CHOMP
HEY, LADY. WHAT HAPPENED?
HUH?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FANGS!
GASP
OH, NO... IT'S NOT WORKING!
ACH!
...?
W-WELL... I... UM...
JERK

ARE YOU NOT A DOG ANYMORE?

ARE YOU NOT A DOG ANYMORE?

ARE YOU NOT A DOG ANYMORE?

ERK!

ARE YOU NOT A DOG ANY-MORE?

わあぁーーーん

WOOOO

OOOF

KOUICHI AND WANKO

DON'T FEEL SO BAD...

YOU CAN'T UNDER-STAND HOW I FEEL!

I'M, NOT A DOG ANY-MORE...

DO NOT

SO MY NAME ISN'T WANKO ANY-MORE... IT'S JUST "KO"...*

*WANKO MEANS "PUPPY", KO MEANS "CHILD."

A DOG WITH NO FANGS...
WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME ?!
WANKO ...
!
AT SOME POINT IN YOUR LIFE, YOUR TEETH ARE GONNA FALL OUT.
WHEN I GET OLD, MY TEETH WILL FALL OUT, AND I'LL BE A TOTTERY AND TOOTH-LESS!
KOUICHI ...
HUG

I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, SO DON'T WORRY!
SOB!
DRIP
SOB...
DRIP
KOU-ICHI!
HA HA HA!
IS SOMEONE HERE?
PINK BONK

R-RIO-SAN!
HEL-LO!
MY FAMILY SENT ME A WATER-MELON, SO I THOUGHT I'D SHARE!
WOW! IT LOOKS SO GOOD!
IT'S JUST AS BIG AS YOU!
HUH?
OH! NO, IT'S NOTH-ING!
KOU-ICHI...
NOT AGAIN ...
YOU DUM-DUM!
EEK!
CHOMP
CHOMP

HUH? WHY AM I IN PAIN?
OH! YOU'VE GROWN TINY NEW FANGS!
HUH?!
IT'S TRUE! YAY!
NOW I'M A DOG AGAIN! ♡
LOL
LOL
HOP
HOP
HER TEETH CAME OUT?
YEAH!
WHEN DOGS ARE FIVE OR SIX MONTHS OLD, THEIR MILK TEETH FALL OUT NATURALLY,
AND THEIR PERMA-NENT TEETH GROW IN.
IT MEANS THAT WANKO-CHAN IS BECOM-ING AN ADULT!

EEK!
SQUEEZE
THANK YOU, RIO-SAN!
SO THAT'S WHY!
HUH?
OHO! LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, THEN...
I'M GONNA HAVE TO TEST MY NEW FANGS OUT...
Y-YOU DUMMY. DON'T...

OUCH!!
CHOMP
HAVING FANGS IS REALLY THE BEST!
CHOMP
DUMMY! THAT HURTS!
IT HURTS, BUT YOU CAN BITE ME MORE IF YOU WANT!
CLENCH
CLENCH
NAKASAKA-SAN... ARE YOU OKAY?

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CHAPTERRIER 26: HERE COMES THE SUN

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THIS MORNING WHEN YOU WERE BUGGING ME TO TAKE YOU TO THE BEACH, I THOUGHT IT SOUNDED LIKE WAY TOO MUCH TROUBLE, BUT...
HEY, HEY! WHAT'S A "BEACH"? TAKE ME THERE!
I'M GLAD WE CAME!
DASH
OKAY! LET'S GO SWIM!
YOU'RE SWIMMING SO WELL, EVEN THOUGH IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
BURY ME, WANKo!
!
PILE SAND ON ME!
SWIPE
N-NOT ON MY FACE!
WHAT A CUTE PUPPY!
HUH?

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HELLO!
H-HI ...
WOW! SHE'S PRETTY! SHE LOOKS LIKE THE MODEST AND PURE TYPE!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
KOU-ICHI NAKA-SAKA!
OH... I-IT'S WAN-KO.
I MEAN THE DOG-GIE'S
WANKO-CHAN IS SO CUTE!
I'M HONOKA NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'LL HELP BURY YOU!
AHAHA
I'M GLAD I HAVE A DOG!
WOW! I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT A CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW THIS LITTLE LADY!
HMM ?!

WHAT A NICE VIEW OF HER BUTT!
!?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
OH, DEAR! SHE'S GOT ME GOOD!
OHO! YOU FOUND A HANDSOME MAN, I SEE.
I-IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, RIGHT, NAKASAKA-SAN?
HA HA HA!
HUH? WHO'S THIS?
YUNA, YOU'RE LATE!
I'LL JOIN IN!

THIS GIRL IS PRETTY, TOO! SHE'S LIKE THE PEPPY TYPE... SO CUTE! ♡
BADUMP
ドキ
BADUMP
ドキ
I'M ALL COVERED IN SAND, SO WHY DON'T WE GO WASH IT OFF IN THE WATER?
OKAY!
THEN I'LL STRIP DOWN TO MY BIKINI!
FLING
ME, TOO!
YOUR SWIMSUIT IS SO SUGGESTIVE, YUNA! ♡
YOURS, TOO! THAT LACE IS SO NAUGHTY! ♡
KOVEE
KOVEE

WOW! THEY'RE BOTH SEXY BOMB-SHELLS!
RRR!
LET'S GO, NAKA-SAKA-SAN!
O-OKAY!
TOTTER
I'M GONNA PUT ON SOME SUN-SCREEN FIRST!
WELL, THEN!
♪
?!
HEY! YOU'RE MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE! SHUSH!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
YUNA-SAN! HURRY UP AND COME ON IN!
O-OKAY, COMING!

WELL, LET'S TRY AGAIN LATER, THEN!
RRR!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAIT-ING!♡
CLOMP
HONOKA'S LOOKING FOR A BOY-FRIEND RIGHT NOW!
H-HEY, YUNA!
I BET I'M NOT HIS TYPE AT ALL...
So would I be more your type, then?
WELL, YOU'RE BOTH CUTE...
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
THEN ...

YOU CAN HANDLE...
BOTH OF US AT ONCE... ♡
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
TH-THAT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE! ♡
BOTH AT ONCE?!
SPLOOSH
NO, I COULD BE BURSTING STRAIGHT INTO SUMMER! ♡
WOW! MY SPRING HAS FINALLY COME!

WHAT'S THAT, WANKO?
SNAKE
IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, I'LL BUY YOU A WEENIE LATER, SO WAIT...
SNAKE
OW!
CHOMP
ワン
ワン
ワン
ワン
HEY, AREN'T YOU THIR-STY?
I WANT A COLD DRINK!
OKAY. I HAVE SOME CHANGE RIGHT NOW, SO I'LL GO BUY US SOME
YOU'RE OKAY WITH BEER, RIGHT?
WATCH MY STUFF, OKAY?
OKAY!
SMIRK

DID THEY GO HOME?
HUH? THEY'RE GONE.
THAT'S STRANGE. THEY SHOULD BE HERE...
BEER
SOUR
BEACH HOUSE
Ocean
PHEW... I FINALLY GOT SOME BEER...
WAIT ...
MY BAG AND MY WALLET ARE GONE!
WHY? WHY? THOSE TWO COULDN'T HAVE...
No WAY! IT CAN'T BEEE!
SLUMP
SLUMP
...

I'LL SHOWER AT THE BEACH HOUSE AND GO HOME.
Beach House
SIGH.
FSHH
FSHH
DAMN IT!
THOSE TWO CROOKS TOTALLY SUCKERED ME!
FSHH
FSHH
FSHH
THEY TRAMPLED UPON MY PURE HEART!
SO IT WAS ALL AN ACT, RIGHT FROM THE START...
HUH?
YOU'RE THE DUMMY HERE, KOUICHI!

I WARNED YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN!
YOU DUMMY, DUMMY DUMMY!
W-WAN-KO'S TURNED HUMAN?!
OH! WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER, SO SHE LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE PERVY!
NOW HOW ARE WE GONNA GET BACK?!
SLAP
JIGGLE

ACK!
DON'T GET SO CLOSE TO ME IN THAT OUTFIT!
(RAK)
ベキ
ベキ
(RAK)
YAGH!
KOUICHI!
WHAP
WAAAAGH!
HUH?

OH, NO! HE FOUND US?!
EEK! THAT GUY FROM BE-FORE ?!
W-WAIT !
RUN FOR IT!
ドドドドド

EEK!
OMP
OW!
CH
SNAP
EEK!
AH!
キュー
BONKED

NEXT TIME: A COLLABORATION WITH THE AUTHOR OF "TAWARA CAT"!

TAWARA CAT X MAN'S BESTEST FRIEND
SPECIAL CROSSOVER ISSUE!

AND TONIGHT I'LL HAVE A FRIED CHICKEN AND A COLD ONE!
OKAY! WE BOUGHT THE SIDE DISHES FOR DINNER...
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COME ON, WANKO. LET'S GO!
HUH ?!
WAN!
WAN!
WAN!
WAN!
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR

BA
RRRR!
YIP!
RK
GETTING BULLIED BY THAT DOG, AGAIN?
キャン
YIP
SUP
WELL, I'M NOT SURPRISED. THAT'S A MASTIFF. THEY'RE USED AS FIGHTING DOGS...
AND APPARENTLY THE BIGGER ONES CAN EVEN BEAT TIGERS
IT'S NOT THE KIND OF DOG YOU CAN STAND UP TO.
WELL, IF YOU TRAINED LIKE THE GUY IN THAT KUNG FU MOVIE WE RENTED LAST NIGHT, THEN MAYBE YOU COULD WIN!
KARATE
WIN
!

TRAINING...
HIYA!
アチョー!!
GASP
EHE HEH HEH... THAT LADY'S PRETTY!
EHE HEH HEH
ムフフ
PULL
I BET THAT GUY IS STRONG!
I'LL GO SEE IF HE'LL MAKE ME HIS DISCIPLE!
OH! THERE HE IS!
TAP TAP TAP TAP
MASTER!
PLEASE MAKE ME YOUR DISCIPLE!
HENG

...
BAM
PLEASE!
I WANT TO GET STRONGER!
M-MASTER...?

HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
WHAP
OW!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT,
MASTER...?
STARE
MASTER! MOVE!
PULL
SHOW ME IF YOU'RE REALLY THAT STRONG!
MAYBE THAT GRAB HE MADE BEFORE WAS A FLUKE...
MAYBE HE'S ACTUALLY REALLY WEAK.

THANKS FOR WAITING
CHEERS!
IT LOOKS GOOD! ♪
DROP
FLASH
SWOOP
EEK!
SLIDE

*ICHIROH SUZUKI, A FAMOUS JAPANESE BASEBALL PLAYER

I'M SORRY FOR DOUBTING YOU EARLIER!
PLEASE, MAKE ME STRONGER!
STRIDE
スタ
STRIDE
スタ
MASTER...?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
RUB
RUB
...?
HE'S LICKING HIS PAWS...
AND RUBBING HIS HEAD...

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
THAT POSE IS A MOTION FOR BLOCK-ING AT-TACKS?!
HUH?! WHAT IF...
IS THERE A POINT TO THIS?
WOW, MAS-TER!
YOU'RE TELLING ME TO WATCH YOUR TECH-NIQUE TO STEAL YOUR MOVES, HUH?!
Koro koro@korotandog 6 min ago
Look, look! A fat cat and a dog are washing their faces! lol
It's just so fat! Hohahoha!
CT @DUELBA It's just
shooono @ poipoipoi
The fried chicken-eat
@hore! This cat's o
Kyonko @TORIMAX
Look what I found!!
er.com/msoglbl0hlo/
*Shiba_ken @dogldo
Super cute!! \(*^o^*
@ecoro_n Crazy cut
Majiyu X @DUELBA
I just can't even! \(^
chibichibi It's sooo fo
Rina @_hoho
A fat cat and
So cute! lol

WHAT THE HECK? THAT'S SOOO FUNNY! ♡
A FAT CAT AND A PUPPY ARE TAKING A WALK TOGETHER! ♡
EEK! LOOK, LOOK! ♡
WHAT'S OUR NEXT TRAINING EXERCISE?
AWWW! I CAN'T STOP HUGGING HIM! ♡
M-MASTER... YOU'RE ACTING JUST LIKE KOUICHI!
?!
THE KITTY'S TUMMY IS SO SQUISHY AND SOFT! ♡
ゴロニャーン
LOVE
LOVE

GLARE
H-HE'S HERE! IT'S THAT DOG!
FUNO
THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW!
NO... I CAN'T BE SCARED!
THANKS TO MASTER, I'VE BECOME STRONG!
あちょお！
ミニ
I'LL SHOW YOU THE FRUITS OF MY TRAINING!

ACK! NOPE! THIS IS SCARY!
I MEAN, THIS GUY CAN BEAT A TIGER!
WHAP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
?!
KING-CHAN! YOUR TREAT TODAY IS CRAB! ♡
TREAT...
YIP!
WHAP

EEK! KING-CHAN!
JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
WOW, MASTER! YOU SHOWED THAT DOG WHO'S BOSS! AMAZING!
PLEASE, LET ME KEEP TRAINING WITH YOU!
YEAH! WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER IN KOU-ICHI'S APART-MENT!
I'LL MAKE HIM GET YOU YUMMY FOOD, SO PLEASE, COME TO OUR PLACE!
OH! SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, YOU DUMB CAT!

OH! WHAT A CUTE DOGGY!
DID YOU MAKE A FRIEND ?
SEE YOU! BYE!
DING DONG DING
OHH! MAS-TER!!
MASTER... PLEASE...
TRAIN ME AGAIN SOME-DAY!

AND THAT'S HOW THE TWO OF THEM BECAME SLIGHTLY FAMOUS ON SOCIAL MEDIA WITHOUT KOUICHI KNOWING A THING ABOUT IT.
HUH? ISN'T THIS WANKO ?
NEXT TIME: KOUICHI GOES FOR A MARRIAGE MATCHMAKING SESSION?!

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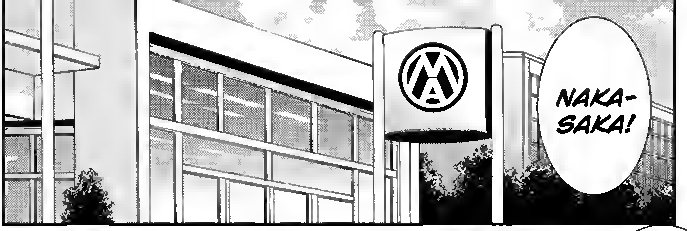
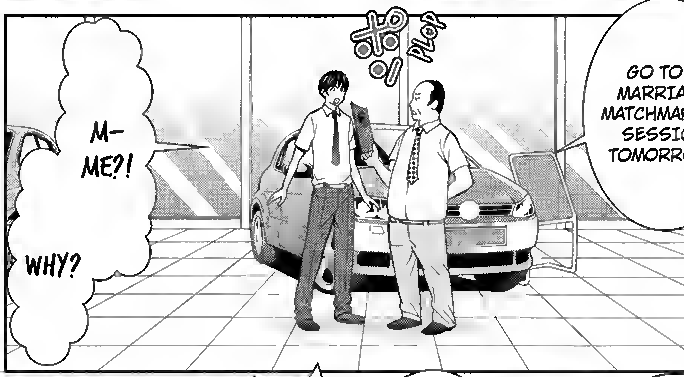




HEAD OFFICE SAID THEY WANT US TO INTRODUCE A YOUNG MAN TO SOMEONE...
THE ONLY SINGLE MAN HERE OF THE RIGHT AGE IS YOU.
B-BUT...
BUT ALL THE BOYS HERE ARE EITHER ENGAGED OR HAVE GIRL-FRIENDS.
THAT'S AN ORDER! NOW GO!
Y-YES, SIR...
SHOVE
WHAT A PAIN...
I'M SURE SHE'S NOTHING SPECIAL EI...
HUH

WOW!
SHE LOOKS ELEGANT, AND HAS BIG EYES..
SHE'S CLASSY... JUST MY TYPE!
SORRY, WANKO. I HAVE TO GO OUT TOMOR-ROW.
BUT IT'S YOUR DAY OFF! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
W-WELL, UH...
GRRR

WELCOME HOME, DARLING.
HEH
HEH
HEH
OH! IF THINGS GO WELL, WE MIGHT EVEN GET MARRIED! ♪

CHOMP
WHAT'S THAT?
OW! A MATCH-MAKING SES-SION!
CHOMP
TELL ME!!
IT'S A MEETING FOR A MAN AND WOMAN WHO WANT TO GET MARRIED, SET UP BY ACQUAINT-ANCES.

IT'S ON MY BOSS'S ORDERS!
GIVE ME A BREAK!
CHOMP
NO! I WON'T LET YOU GO!

NURU!

AND SO, THE NEXT DAY...

WE'RE DOING IT IN A FANCY PLACE LIKE THIS?!
NOW I'M KINDA NER-VOUS...
THIS MORNING, THAT WANKO... SHE WAS SULKING AND WOULDN'T COME OUT OF HER BOX.
I GUESS SHE'S ill-'D...
Do NoT open
STOP ZONING OUT, NAKA-SAKA!
THEY'RE W. IT-ING FOR YOU!
OH! SORRY!
GUEH
O-OKAY!
HEL...
HMM ?!

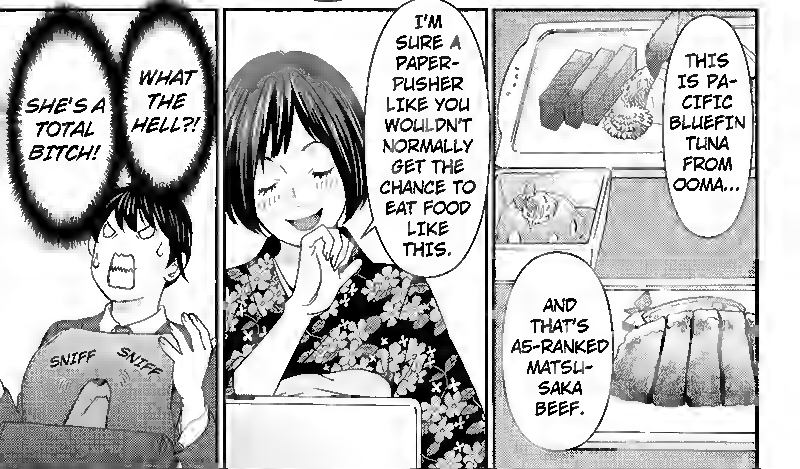
CLACKITY
CLACKITY
CLACKITY
CLACKITY
CLACKITY
HUH...?!
SHE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE IMPRESSION SHE GAVE OFF IN HER PICTURE...
U-UM... WHERE'S THE CHAPERONE?
CLANK
I DON'T NEED ONE, SO THERE ISN'T ONE.
CLANK
I-I SEE.. I'M KOUICHI NAKASAKA.
I WORK AT...

YOU'RE A DEALER AT WV, AGED 24 YOU GRADUATED FROM M.U, AND
YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK IS AVERAGE TO LOW.
YOUR FEMALE CO-WORKERS RATE YOU AS NEITHER FAIR NOR POOR.
AND YOUR SALARY IS 3.8 MILLION.*
*APPROX. 38,000 USD
HOW DO YOU KNOW...
ACK! HEY!
YOUR OVERALL SCORE IS D MINUS.
THAT'S THE LOWEST AMONG ALL THE MATCH-MAKING SESSIONS SO FAR...
WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU?
I'M BUMPING YOU DOWN TO AN F MINUS!
SHOCK
WHAT'S WITH HER?! SHE'S LOOKING DOWN ON ME LIKE I'M AN ANT!
HUH? IMPOSSIBLE! YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM?
YOU CAME HERE WITHOUT LOOKING UP ANYTHING ON ME?

MY NAME IS AIKO SAION-JI.
I'M THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF THE FOUNDER OF THE SAIONJI GROUP.
THE S-SAIONJI GROUP?!
THAT'S ONE OF THE TOP CONGLOM-ERATES IN THE COUNTRY!
BY THE WAY, WE OWN YOUR COMPANY
HUH?! FOR REAL?!
I THOUGHT SHE HAD A GOOD UPBRING-ING, BASED ON THAT PHOTO, BUT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S SUCH A... PRIN-CESS!
S-SO THEN WHY ARE YOU DOING A MATCH-MAKING SES-SION?
I'M NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO.

MEN ARE ALL TALK. THEY'RE NOTHING SPECIAL, AND I'VE GOT NO INTEREST IN THEM.
BUT IN MY OPINION, THIS IS JUST A WASTE OF TIME
I'M JUST DOING THIS SO HE DOESN'T LOSE FACE
MY GRAND-FATHER ISN'T HAPPY THAT ALTHOUGH I'M OF A MARRIAGEABLE AGE, I HAVE NEVER HAD A BOYFRIEND.

HUH ?
CLACKITY CLACKITY
WELL, THAT'S HOW IT IS. YOU MAY ENJOY THE MEAL, MR. F MINUS, AND LEAVE WHENEVER.
AND I DON'T EVEN RE-MEMBER THE FACES OF THE NINETY-NINE BEFORE YOU.
YOU'RE THE HUN-DREDTH MAN I'VE HAD A SESSION WITH...


SHE'S A TOTAL BITCH!
WHAT THE HELL?!
SNIFF SNIFF
I'M SURE A PAPER-PUSHER LIKE YOU WOULDN'T NORMALLY GET THE CHANCE TO EAT FOOD LIKE THIS.
THIS IS PA-CIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA FROM OOMA...
AND THAT'S AS-RANKED MATSU-SAKA BEEF.

ACK! WHY IS WANKO HERE?!
CHOMP
CHOMP
?!
NO WAY.. DID SHE SNEAK INTO MY BAG AND COME HERE..
RUSTLE
JUST TO SCREW UP MY MATCH-MAKING SESSON?!
RUSTLE
AH!
NOM
NOM
Y-YOU JERK!
RATTLE
RATTLE
HMM?

HEY, YOU'RE DISTRACTING ME.
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPORTANT DEAL. CAN YOU QUIET DOWN?
SORRY
HEY... STOP THAT...
CUT IT OUT!
CRASH
CLUTTER
CLUTTER
ENOUGH!
HUH?
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME ANGRY?
N-NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
HUH?!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

LEAP
EEK!
WATCH OUT!
PLOP
WHAT ...? ARE YOU DOING?
UH, WELL, UH... I JUST THOUGHT THIS VASE WOULD BE GREAT FOR SOME WEIGHT TRAINING...
EEK!
STOP FOOLING AROUND!
SLAM

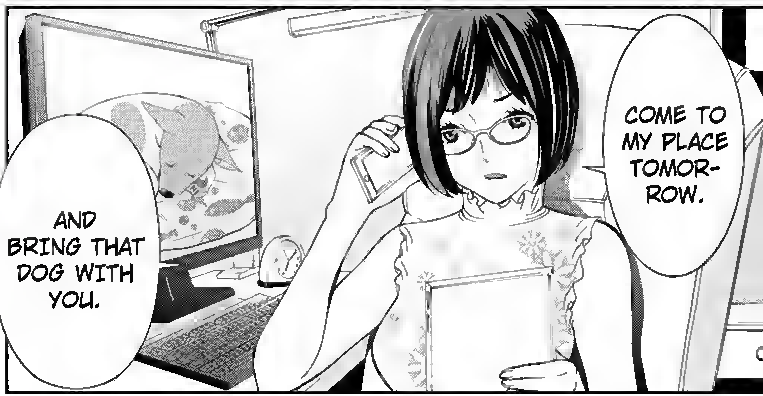
HUH?
YOU'RE THE FIRST MAN WHO'S EVER DISPLEASED ME THIS MUCH.
YOU'RE A PETTY MAN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D TAKE YOUR ANTICS THIS FAR JUST BECAUSE I LOOKED DOWN ON YOU A LITTLE!
EEEK!
YOU'RE JUST ONE MAN. IF I PUT MY MIND TO IT, I COULD DO WHATEVER I WANTED TO YOU.
HMM?
NUZZLE
NUZZLE

EEK! A D-DOG?!
WOOF!
AH!
SLIP
AHHHH...
ACK!
FWUMP

YARGH!
バリーン
CRACK
カ
BLUSH
FLIP

MISS! WHAT IS IT?!
THUMP
THUMP
I-IT'S NOTH-ING...
S-SORRY, AIKO-SAN...
HMM?
RAGE
HUH?!
SMACK

I DON'T REMEMBER THE MEN FROM MY LAST NINETY-NINE MATCHMAKING SESSIONS...
BUT I'LL REMEMBER YOU FOR LIFE, KOUICHI NAKASAKA!
I'M LEAVING.
H-HEY
AGH! MY LIFE IS OVER!
I'M GONNA LOSE MY JOB TOMORROW!
SHE WAS PRETTY, BUT SO SCARY, HUH?
PLAY DO / THERE
YES... HELLO...
RING RING RING



NEXT TIME: AIKO'S SURPRISING DEMAND GETS KOUICHI IN TROUBLE!

LAST CHAPTER: KOUICHI WENT FOR A MARRIAGE MATCHMAKING SESSION WITH THE FABULOUSLY RICH AIKO SAIONJI, BUT WANKO'S MEDDLING MADE HER FURIOUS! WHAT'S MORE, THE NEXT DAY, AIKO GAVE KOUICHI A MYSTERIOUS ORDER: TO COME TO HER HOUSE... AND BRING WANKO WITH HIM!

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BRING THAT DOG WITH YOU.
...THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID, SO I BROUGHT WANKO, BUT... WHY?
LISTEN, WANKO, BE GOOD, JUST FOR TODAY!
MY FATE IS RIDING ON THIS!
NOD NOD
WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?
ACK!
A-AIKO-SAN, WHY ARE YOU...?
YOU'RE LATE, SO I CAME DOWN TO TAKE A LOOK.
WELL, I'VE NEVER GONE INTO A CASTLE-LIKE MANSION LIKE THIS BEFORE..
HMPH!
THEN YOU'RE AN F-MINUS!
ERK

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FOL-
LOW ME,
KOUICHI
NAKA-
SAKA.
HUH? AIKO-SAN, YOU REMEM-BERED...?
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
THAT I WOULD REMEM-BER YOUR NAME FOR LIFE.
WHIRRR
O-OH, YEAH...
AM I GONNA BE OKAY? I WONDER IF I'LL MAKE IT OUT OF THIS MANSION ALIVE...
TH-THE GARDEN IS HUGE!
STARE

HUH?
BUT ISN'T THE MANSION OVER THERE?
THIS WAY.
WE'VE WALKED QUITE A WAYS FROM THE GATES, BUT THE MANSION IS STILL SO FAR...
NOW, THEN! HOW SHALL WE COOK YOU UP?
WOOF
WOOF
NOOOOO!
WHERE ON EARTH IS SHE TAKING ME? I BET SHE'S GONNA HAVE HER REVENGE FOR WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY...
Y-YES, MA'AM...
KEEP QUIET AND FOLLOW ME!
WHAT DO WE DO, WANKO? NOW'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO RUN...
WOOF WOOF
...
HERE.
WH-WHAT IS....?!

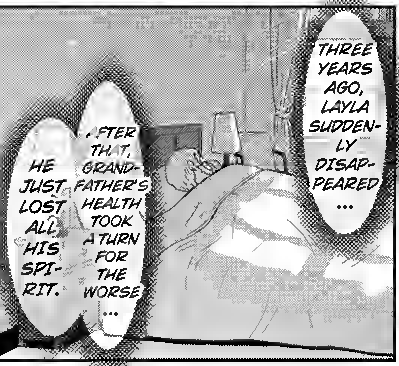
THIS IS MY PLACE.
HUH?! THAT'S BIGGER THAN MY PARENTS' HOUSE!
HER FAMILY REALLY IS LOADED!
IT'S LIKE SHE LIVES IN ANOTHER WORLD...
I BET IT'S GOLD-PLATED ON THE INSIDE, TOO...
HUH?
IT'S GOT A WEALTHY FEEL TO IT, BUT IT'S ALSO KIND OF HOMEY...
IT LOOKS LIVED-IN... IT HAS A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.
TEA.
TH-THANK YOU...

OH! YOU HAVE THE SAME TEABAGS THAT I USE AT MY PLACE!
TEA
TEA
WHAT? IS THAT A PROB-LEM?
N-NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN..
YOU'RE RICH, SO I THOUGHT YOU'D BE DRINKING SOMETHING FANCIER.
I CAN'T MAKE TEA IN THE PROPER WAY...
THIS TASTES JUST FINE!
SLURP
HUH? AIKO-SAN CAN BE SURPRIS-INGLY CUTE...
DO YOU LIVE HERE ALONE?
YES MY PARENTS LIVE IN THE MAIN HOUSE, BUT THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE THERE, I CAN'T RELAX.

WOW ...
WHO'S THIS?
MY GRAND-FATHER ...
THE FOUNDER OF THE SAIONJI GROUP.
ALL THESE PHOTOS ARE WITH YOUR GRAND-FATHER, HUH?
YOU MUST BE CLOSE.
HMM ?
HUH?!
TH-THAT DOG! WAN-KO?!
IT REALLY IS HER SPITTING IMAGE.

I CALLED YOU HERE TODAY BECAUSE I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THIS DOG.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
MY GRAND-FATHER LEFT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUSINESS TO MY PAR-ENTS...
SO THEY WERE GONE FROM THE HOUSE EVERY DAY.
MY GRAND-FATHER WAS ALWAYS WITH ME, CARING FOR ME...
SO THAT I WOULDN'T GET LONELY.
AND MY GRAND-FATHER'S COMPAN-ION, LAYLA...
WAS ALWAYS WITH US.
LAYLA HAD BEEN IN THE MANSION SINCE BEFORE I WAS BORN, AND WE WERE RAISED LIKE SISTERS.
BAD DOG, LAYLA!
WOOF WOOF
SO ON OCCASION, WE WOULD FIGHT FOR OUR BELOVED GRAND-FATHER'S ATTENTION ...

GRAND-FATHER AND LAYLA GOT ALONG SO WELL, IT WAS LIKE THEY COULD TALK TO EACH OTHER.
I SEE! SO YOU THINK SO, TOO!
THEY WERE SO CLOSE, I GOT JEALOUS.


THREE YEARS AGO, LAYLA SUDDEN-LY DISAP-PEARED ...
AFTER THAT, GRAND-FATHER'S HEALTH TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE ...
HE JUST LOST ALL HIS SPI-RIT.

BUT...

I WANT TO CHEER UP MY BELOVED GRAND-FATHER!
AND WHEN I HAPPENED TO SEE YOUR DOG YESTER-DAY, IT HIT ME.

MY GRAND-FATHER STILL BE-LIVES THAT LAYLA IS ALIVE.

THEY SAY THAT WHEN ANIMALS ARE CLOSE TO THEIR DEATH,
THEY LOOK FOR A PLACE TO DIE, BUT...

*HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IN USD

N-NO, I CAN'T!
SHAKE
SHAKE
WHAT AM I THINK-ING...?
IT'S NOT ABOUT MONEY...
OR SUC-CESS!
HUH?
WANKO IS MY BEST FRIEND! SHE'S IRREPLAC-EABLE!
SQUEEZ
I CAN'T SELL HER FOR MONEY!
...
YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY, DON'T YOU?
COULD YOU SELL YOUR MEMO-RIES OF LAYLA AND YOUR GRAND-FATHER FOR MONEY?
HUH?!
I-I...
WHAT HAVE I...

...
I'M SORRY ...
CAN YOU LEAVE ME AND WANKO ALONE TOGETHER FOR A MINUTE?
!
I SAID SOMETHING HORRIBLE ...
O-OKAY... SURE...
バタン
THUMP
!
YOU SAID IT, KOU-ICHI!

HEY, WANKO. I SAID I WOULDN'T GIVE YOU AWAY, BUT...
NOW THAT I KNOW ABOUT HER SITUATION, I CAN'T JUST NOT DO ANYTHING.
SO CAN YOU STAY OVER HERE FOR JUST ONE DAY?
WHAT?
IF THAT WILL MAKE HER GRANDFATHER HAPPY, THEN IT WOULD REALLY BE FOR THE BEST
HMM...
THEN CLOSE YOUR EYES, KOUICHI!
HUH?
I'M YOUR BEST FRIEND, HUH?
W-WELL, BASICALLY...

FINE!
NEVER MIND, JUST DO IT!
WHY?
HUH?
YOU SAID I'M YOUR BEST FRIEND!
SO I'LL TRY MY BEST AND STAY OVER!

THANKS, WANKO.
I'LL COME PICK YOU UP TOMOR-ROW FOR SURE!
OKAY! ♡
THEN PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER FOR THE DAY.
SEE YOU, WANKO.
THANKS, NAKA-SAKA-KUN.
I'LL CLEAR YOU OF THAT F-MINUS.
HUH?
IT'S NO-THING!

HUH?!
YOUR OVERALL RANK IS A C-PLUS.
SEE YOU...
C-PLUS, HUH? WELL, I GUESS THAT MEANS SHE FEELS A LITTLE BETTER TOWARDS ME.
SHEESH
777
BUT HER COMPASSION FOR HER GRANDFATHER IS REALLY NICE...
OKAY! LET'S GO SEE GRANDFATHER!
AHAHAHA
LICK
LICK
MAYBE SHE'S A BETTER PERSON THAN I THOUGHT SHE WAS.
NEXT TIME: TONS OF ANXIETY! IS WANKO OKAY SLEEPING OVER ALONE?!

Man's Bestest Friend

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THE STORY SO FAR:
ON AIKO SAIONJI'S REQUEST, WANKO IS STAYING ONE NIGHT AWAY FROM KOUICHI, AND NOW SHE'S GOING TO PRETEND TO BE LAYLA'A MISSING DOG WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE HER!

CHAPTERRIER 30: OLD BROWN SHOE

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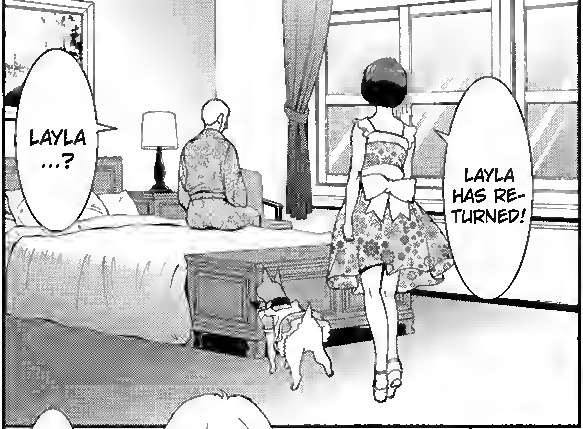


AHA HA HA HA! ☆
Y-YEP, I'M LAY-LA! HI!
...
G-GR-ND-FATHER, IS SOME-THING WRONG?
IT'S LAYLA...
!
I-I SEE... SO SHE HAS COME BACK TO US...
YOU'RE BACK...
ギュッ
HUG
THANK YOU, LAYLA...
HA HA HA...
I'M HOME.

GRAND-FATHER, SINCE LAYLA HAS COME BACK...
WHY DON'T WE HAVE LUNCH IN THE DINING ROOM? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
OH, OF COURSE. LET'S EAT.
THIS MAKES ME SO HAPPY!
SPARKLE
EEEEK!
BOT-TOMS UP!
OH! WAIT!
WOW...THEY'RE GIVING ME ALL THE FOOD I COULD WANT..♡
THEY HAVE HUNDREDS OF OUTFITS FOR ME AND I CAN WEAR ANYTHING...
IS THIS DOG HEAVEN?!
IT'S ALL YOURS. EAT LOTS!
I CAN EAT ALL THIS?! ♡

COME, DON'T HOLD BACK! EAT IT ALL!
HUH?!
YOU LOVE POTATOES MUCH MORE THAN MEAT, DON'T YOU, LAYLA?
BAM
U-UM THE MEAT
MY MEAT
WANKO-CHAN, PLEASE, EAT THEM!
URK...
F-FINE, I WILL...
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
OH!
OH, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT THEM?
THAT'S ODD...
WAHHH! I KEEP EATING AND EATING, BUT THE POTATOES NEVER END!
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
THAT'S MY LAYLA! SUCH A GOOD APPE-TITE!

I'VE GOT SEC-ONDS!
NO MORE...
SAVE ME...
PHEW
BUT WHERE ON EARTH HAS SHE BEEN FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS?
UM, ER...
IT SEEMS SHE RAN AWAY FROM THE ESTATE TO GO ON A WAN-DERING JOURNEY
OH! THEN WE'LL HAVE TO GET ALL THE DIRT OF THE ROAD OFF HER.
WE ALWAYS HAVE TEN ESTHETI-CIANS AND TRIMMERS AVAILABLE HERE...
SO YOU CAN ENJOY OUR HIGH-CLASS SPA.
WOO! NOW I'LL REALLY GET TO EXPERIENCE THE GOOD LIFE! ♡

WEL-
COME,
MISS
LAYLA!
WOW!
♡
I FEEL
LIKE A
PRIN-
CESS!
♡
HUH?
HEY,
AIKO!
HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
THAT LAYLA
PREFERS
THAT?
GET IN,
LAYLA.
IT
LOOKS
SUPER
RETRO
...
カポーン
PLOP
I'M
GLAD I'M
STAYING
OVER!
♡
トン
TAP

YOU USED TO LOVE GETTING RINSED WITH FREEZING WATER, DIDN'T YOU?
SPL
ASH
COOOOLD!
N-No... I CAN'T... DO THIS...
SORRY, PLEASE EXCUSE ME...
?
WANKO-CHAN, IT'S JUST FOR ONE DAY... BEAR IT, FOR GRAND-FATHER'S SAKE!
SOB...
I GUESS I GOTTA... I'LL DO IT.
OH, YOU'RE BACK, LAYLA!
HERE WE GO, THEN!
YAY!
SPLASH

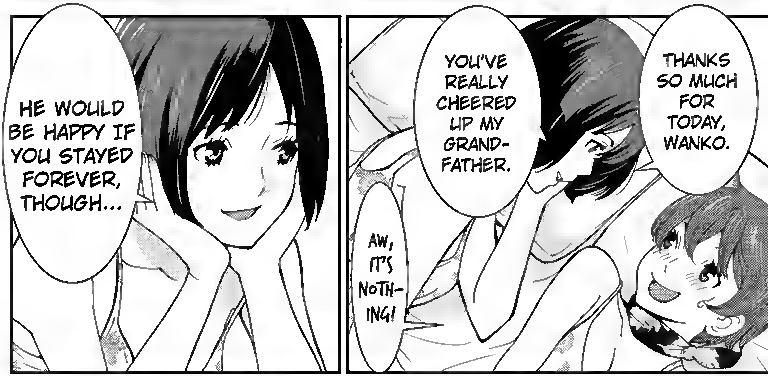
NO, I'M NOT!
HAHAHA! YOU'RE SO HAPPY!
HOW'S THAT? FEELS GOOD, DOESN'T IT?
OKAY, OKAY... NOW, TO FINISH, LET'S PRETTY YOU UP!
EEK!
HUH? A SCRUB BRUSH?!

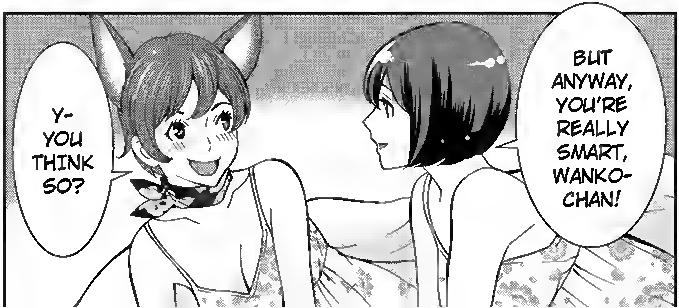
EHE HE HE HE!
IT TICKLY HURTS!
EEEE...
EEK! NOT THE EARS!
THEN I'LL CLEAN BEHIND YOUR EARS, TOO!
ARE YOU THAT HAPPY? ♡
DEAD.
I'M
へにゃ～
SLUMP

WOW, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST WORKED UP A SWEAT LIKE THIS!
I'M SO RELIEVED TO SEE YOU UP AND ABOUT AFTER SO LONG...
I'VE MADE YOU WORRY, HAVEN'T I?
I'M SO HAPPY, GRAND-FATHER...
HA HA HA
HAPPY!

AHH! I'M EXHAUST-ED!

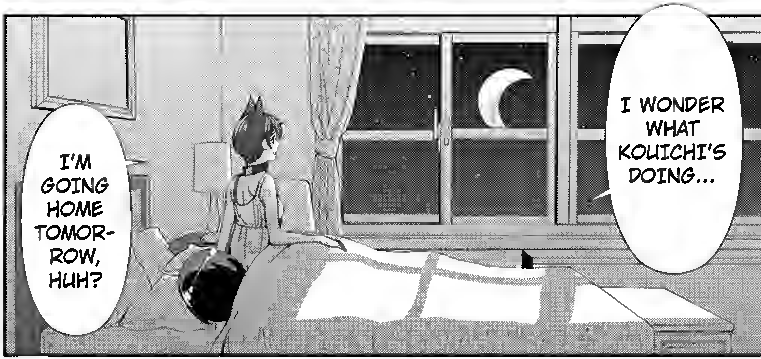
IT'S NOT EASY, BEING RICH!


THANKS SO MUCH FOR TODAY, WANKO.
YOU'VE REALLY CHEERED UP MY GRAND-FATHER.
AW, IT'S NOTH-ING!
HE WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOU STAYED FOREVER, THOUGH...


BUT ANYWAY, YOU'RE REALLY SMART, WANKO-CHAN!
Y-YOU THINK SO?

THEY SAY THAT A DOG RESEMBLES ITS MASTER, BUT I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT..
?
I MEAN, NAKASAKA-SAN'S NOT MUCH IN THE LOOKS OR THE BRAINS DEPARTMENT.
YEP, THAT'S TRUE.
BUT...
I'LL LEAVE HER WITH YOU FOR ONE DAY... SO PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.
WHAT... IS THIS FEELING?

N-NO WAY, DO YOU LIKE HIM, TOO?!
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED! KOUICHI IS M-
OH... SHE FELL ASLEEP.
Nooze
Nooze
CUTE


I WONDER WHAT KOUICHI'S DOING...
I'M GOING HOME TOMOR-ROW, HUH?

GOOD NIGHT ...
HEY! IT'S MORNING! WAKE UP!
I'M HUN-GRY, SO I'M GET-TING UP!

MORNING! WHY DON'T WE GO FOR A WALK TOGETHER?
OH! IF IT ISN'T LAYLA!
BEFORE YOU LEFT, WE OFTEN WALKED TOGETHER LIKE THIS, EH?
D-DID WE, NOW?
YOU FORGOT? HOW COLD!
I-I REMEMBER!
DO YOU REALLY?
I REALLY DO!
STOP TEASING!
HUH?!
W-WERE WE JUST TALKING TO EACH OTHER?!

NO WAY! THIS OLD MAN'S LIKE KOUICHI?! HE CAN TELL...
FWUMP
G-GRAMPA, CAN YOU...
NEXT TIME: IS IT TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO A LOVED ONE?!
G-GRAMPA ...?
GRAMPA !!
THE ELDERLY MAN COLLAPSES BEFORE HER EYES!